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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

The facts:

- Microsoft has been found guilty
- Microsoft demonstrated contempt for the judicial system and law throughout the proceedings
- Microsoft, even though found guilty, continues those actions which brought the lawsuit in the first place

The economic damage:

- Microsoft has intentionally released malfunctioning software (for example, Internet Explorer) that undermines standards, automatically generating more defects in business systems of all industries, which needlessly increased costs across the board.
- Microsoft has prevented the development of competing products by use of "secret" APIs, built in non-interoperability, extensive, organized, racketeering-like FUD (aka, lies, deceit, and false advertising), and vendor intimidation. None of these are consistent with free market principles in any shape or form.
- Microsoft has devoted far more resources to maintenance of its OS monopoly, rather than development on the OS, resulting in two decades of significant productivity loss by each and every user of DOS and Windows operating systems.

The current federal resolution:

- has no economic repercussions whatsoever
- has none if any of the terms and conditions are ignored

I am:

- a Computer Science major (Bachelors)
- worked for three years at Andersen Consulting
- worked for one year with IBM
- worked for one year with Deloitte and Touche
- worked for one year with a startup (current job)
- have used DOS, Windows 2.0, 3.1, 95, NT, 98, 2000
- have used Linux, Sun OS, and IBM AIX
- skeptical anyone actually read this.